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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were sharply lower on all sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to sharply lower on the extra large through medium sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to no better than moderate, occasionally better into the scattered feature activity. Supplies of jumbo sizes remained tight, and extra large eggs were usually adequate to instances close. The large and smaller sizes were adequate to ample. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources and most trading continued to center around lighter weight product as dealers watched further market developments. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to four cents lower. Prices were unchanged in Philadelphia and New England. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly fair, better in resort areas and where features were either planned or in progress. Supplies of jumbos remained tight and the balance of sizes were adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl availability was fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand into all outlets was light to no better than moderate. Supplies were close for extra large and adequate to ample on the remainder of sizes.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin decreased eleven cents on large, with mediums and smalls four cents lower than Tuesday. In Chicago, all sizes of eggs were down eleven cents compared to Tuesday. Prices elsewhere unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady, instances weak. Retail demand was light to moderate with scattered feature activity. Food service mostly moderate. Supplies of jumbo and extra large eggs were in the tightest position, with the balance of sizes adequate. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower compared to Tuesday. Offerings were fully adequate for lighter weight product with heavy nest runs adequate or available for current needs. Many breakers keeping inventories balanced with regular commitments. Finished product demand fairly good with liquid whole egg moving the best. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to instances barely steady.

CHICAGO All prices 4 cents lower. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand generally moderate with scattered feature activity. Jumbo and extra large in close balance, balance of sizes adequate with additional product readily available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Retail demand was generally no better than fair entering the weekend and feature activity was scarce. Supplies of extra large and smaller sizes were fully adequate and medium eggs remained ample. Jumbo eggs were usually close. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light demand, and trading continued to center around more attractively priced lighter weight product. Offerings of light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current processors' needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo in California, unchanged in the Northwest, with extra large 12 cents lower, large 13 cents lower, and medium 11 cents lower throughout the region. Retailer demand only fair. Offerings ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	104-119	93-107	50-62
New York	72-74	69-72	35-38
Philadelphia	70-85	68-83	34-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	38-39
Jackson (1)	89-90	83-84	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-96	80-94	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	26-31
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-76	70-74	34-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-84	72-79	37-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-96	88-90	53-54
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	99-111	95-102	65-71
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	115	105	75
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 13 cents lower on large, and 11 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to only fair. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Southern California: major- all sizes 1/3 off; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 129, extra large dozen 119, large dozen 99, medium dozen 69, 20 pack 2 for \$3.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	127
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114-124
EXTRA LARGE	99-111
LARGE	95-102
MEDIUM	65-71

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	179-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for lighter weight product with heavy nest runs adequate or available for current needs. Most breakers holding inventories in line with regular commitments. Finished product demand fairly good with liquid whole egg moving the best. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to instances barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	19
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND, NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices trended lower than early week trading. Offerings although increased on heavy nest runs, sales and trading were generally confined to light weight eggs and undergrades. Supplies were reported as sufficient for needs as traders watch further market developments. Breaking schedules were normal. The undertone was unsettled and in a range of barely steady to weak. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	31-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22
EASTERN REGION AREA:	AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH, NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 31-JUL-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,116,788	26,063	9,770	5,488	2,109	3,722
PW	1,088,863	26,278	9,924	4,849	2,413	3,483
LY	1,071,319	24,428	9,763	5,208	2,417	3,733
% PW	3	-1	-2	13	-13	7
% LY	4	7	0	5	-13	0
1999	32,607,296	756,218	314,417	172,493	78,454	102,651
1998	31,427,327	711,251	313,328	169,501	79,531	101,814

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
40.33	40.90	40.26

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS

Pasteurized whites reported at 33.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk noted at 46 to 47 cents FOB.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 06 Aug, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

	CHANGE FROM			
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	17	30-38	35.12	-1.80
WHITES	9	31-32	31.67	.07
YOLKS	5	43-47	45.60	-1.73

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand and trading was light with offerings irregular. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 31, 1999 were 3% more than last week, and 6% less than the same week a year ago. Shell egg supplies were adequate from regular sources. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-49	45-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	51-65
WHITES	41-45	41-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-60	55-57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-55	52-54

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices on frozen whole egg and sugar yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower, salt yolk ranged 1 to 2 cents lower, and whites were unchanged. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Trading and demand was quiet as many buyers continued to eye the declining shell egg and breaking stock markets before any purchases are made. Nest run breaking stock supplies were adequate to available with lighter weight product being shown more frequently at lower values.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	MOSTLY
	RANGE	
WHOLE	46-49	46-48
WHITES	38-43	40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-57	55-57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-54	52-54

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on the balance. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/31 was 3% more than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate from regular sources. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	52-55
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Prices were irregular but generally whole egg values were unchanged, yolks and blends unchanged to slightly higher and albumen slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair with traders watching further market developments. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending July 31, 1999 were 13 % less than last week, and 13 % less than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT

AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.55-1.70	MOSTLY 1.55-1.60
YOLKS	1.35-1.60	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.40	MOSTLY 3.20-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/30/99-08/05/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
109.25								41.25								150.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W XL	—	—	—	51.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	47.50	—	—	—	—	9.00								
GNR W 1	51.50	46.00	54.40	54.50	—	44.75	20.75	GNR W 3	—	—	—	41.00	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	17.50	19.00	31.50	—	5.00	GL W XL	52.25	53.00	—	—	—	60.00	9.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	20.00	22.00	1.00	GL W LG	49.39	49.17	—	—	—	54.85	9.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	57.50	59.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	18.78	—	—	27.00	—	23.09	9.50								
GL W XL	—	54.50	60.60	61.75	53.38	58.50	17.50	GL W SM	15.00	—	—	—	—	21.00	2.00								
GL W LG	—	54.50	—	—	43.93	—	12.00	NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	—	—	19.15	21.39	19.64	19.13	19.75																
GL W SM	16.58	18.00	13.50	15.83	13.50	13.50	13.00																
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	34.30	22.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	—	18.81	19.58	15.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings continued fully adequate for current processor needs. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for fully adequate to ample offerings. Market conditions were steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings irregular with cancellations still noted.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR		
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
	LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)	
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	0-5	(2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading			
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA - WEEK ENDING 06-Aug-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	77.97	75.58	41.22
SOUTHERN	83.59	80.82	44.87
MIDWEST	71.88	70.64	35.90
WESTERN	107.27	99.61	68.68
TWELVE METRO AREAS	87.71	83.63	50.34
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive and reported as about fair for fully adequate offerings. The undertone was usually steady. USDA, AMS purchased 880,000 pounds of frozen cooked diced chicken to be delivered Oct.1 to Oct. 15.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 25-26.25	33-36 MAJORITY 34-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29 MAJORITY 26.5-27	33-38 MAJORITY 36.5-37

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 31-Jul-99

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,097	1,270	3,367
LAST WEEK	2,217	1,507	3,724
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,946	1,282	3,228
TO-DATE/1999	64,943	40,666	105,609
TO-DATE/1998	63,358	37,931	101,289

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	458	0	458
LAST WEEK	471	10	481
SAME WEEK YR AGO	676	0	676
TO-DATE/1999	14,772	174	14,946
TO-DATE/1998	16,842	239	17,081

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,555	1,270	3,825
LAST WEEK	2,688	1,517	4,205
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,622	1,282	3,904
TO-DATE/1999	79,715	40,840	120,555
TO-DATE/1998	80,200	38,170	118,370

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	134	103	8,095	7,567
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	22	0	355	332
Total	156	103	8,456	7,949

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending July 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	166	46	2,484	2,368
Frozen	15	5	173	135
Dried	0	0	141	225
Total	181	51	2,798	2,728

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	17	27	584	809
Extra Large	1,300	420	19,013	21,747
Large	1,400	2,711	68,200	59,422
Medium	1,349	1,651	29,276	33,671
Ungraded	9,080	4,420	309,711	132,215
Misc	0	0	3,588	5,443
Total	13,146	9,229	430,372	253,307

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	31-36	21-25

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-42	15-17	4-6

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	85-88	74-77	31-34	8-11

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 2-Aug-99	3,203	195,480	94,776
AM 1-July-99	3,057	180,335	96,237
CHG	146	15145	-1461
PCT CHG	5	8	-2

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-Jul-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW LY	
ATLANTA	27.2	26.6	2	-1
BOSTON	5.5	5.1	8	-54
CHICAGO	37.8	38.9	-3	-14
DETROIT	25.1	22.0	14	-12
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	81.3	80.8	1	-5
NEW ORLEANS	10.2	9.6	6	-22
NEW YORK	34.6	37.5	-8	-13
ST. LOUIS	10.3	9.5	8	3
SAN FRANCISCO	18.1	18.3	-1	8
TOTAL	250.2	248.4	1	-10
4 WK MVG AVG	264.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 31-Jul-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS LAST WEEK YEAR	
N. ATLANTIC	231.8	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	458.6	2	5
W.N. CENTRAL	233.5	3	4
S. ATLANTIC	192.3	1	-5
S. CENTRAL	73.4	5	0
WEST	218.3	13	7
TOTAL	1,407.9	4	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, AUGUST 03, 1999.
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	131 -	119 -	74 -	49 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	123-127 125-126	111-115 113-114	67-71 69-70	42-46 44-45
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	125-129 125	113-117 113	70-74 70	45-49 45
VERMONT MOSTLY	131-134 134	120-122 122	75-77 77	- -

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EGG PRODUCTS

Shell eggs broken totaled 157 million dozen during June 1999, up 8 percent from June a year ago, and monthly record high. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, up 14; North Central, up 9; South Atlantic, down 29, South Central, up 15; and Western, up 9. June 1999 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as June 1998. Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication was used.

PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 2,080,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs at a cost of approximately \$935,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 017	No. of Bids
5-pound cartons	1,241,000	\$0.4668-\$0.5179	3 of 4
30-pound containers	79,000	\$0.4949-\$0.4949	1 of 3
Bulk tankers	760,000	\$0.3740-\$0.3890	2 of 3

Total purchases of pasteurized whole eggs since the program was announced June 1997 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	20,530,000	\$11,417,000
30-pound containers	752,000	\$407,000
Bulk tankers	4,120,000	\$1,815,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-229 are due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C. time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
018	5-pound cartons Bulk tankers	Aug. 16	Aug. 20	Oct. 1-15